

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on September 24, 2009 at the
Department of Land Use and Growth Management

Present: Rob Gibbs, Chair
Susan Erichsen, Member
Victor Govier, Member
Scott Lawrence, Member
Ruth Mitchell, Member
Carol Moody, Member
Hal Willard, Member
Grace Mary Brady, Staff

Note for the Record: The September 24, 2009 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held off-site at St. John's Site Museum at Historic St. Mary's City and Clocker's Fancy, located at Historic St. Mary's City.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Gibbs called roll and confirmed that a quorum was present. Commission requirements were read for the record.

Guests: Mrs. Robert Gibbs, Frank Tippett and Donna Gitt.

Agenda: Motion by Susan Erichsen, second by Scott Lawrence to accept the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Susan Erichsen, second by Ruth Mitchell to approve the minutes of August 27, 2009 as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Staff Reports: A copy was mailed to board members due to site visits. The information contained within the report is included to provide a record for the official minutes.

- 1) 1940's house, 29838 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall. Demolish and site plowed for farming. No replacement home proposed at this time. 09-1666
- 2) 1901 country store/house, 26350 Three Notch Road, corner of North Sandgates and Three Notch, (Ridgell). House was set on fire for the 4th time. SM-523, known as the historic "The Shop Lot". 09-1678
- 3) 1957 house, 36090 Roosevelt Blvd. Abell. Demolish & replace with new home. 09-1543
- 4) 1943 house, 16172 Thomas Road, Piney Point. Demolish & replace with new home. 09-1686
- 5) 1928 cottage, 20259 Colton's Point, Colton's Point. Demo cottage and replace with modular home. 09-1737
- 6) 1950 mobile home, 48583 Bean Road, Ridge Demo mobile home and replace with new one. 09-1744

2. (Technical Evaluation Committee) TEC Update – August 13th
10 sites were reviewed – 5 required historic consideration.

- 1) 1950 Lexington Park Elementary School, 46763 South Shangri-La Drive, Lexington Park, 20653. No impact - only adding portables to school site.
- 2) 1900 house, 39146 Middleton Lane, Clements. No impact – request to add kennel swimming pool.
- 3) 1940 house, 28379 Thompson Corner Road, Mechanicsville. No impact – increase in mining operation.

4) 1930 house, 31420 Point Lookout Road, Mechanicsville. No impact – minor subdivision to create Lot 2 (lot created around existing house).

5) 1925 house, 48828 Trapp Road, St. Inigoes. No impact – minor subdivision to create Lot 5 (lot created around existing house).

3. Religious Freedom Byway Management Plan: Staff advised Commission members that the Religious Freedom Byway Manager position was going to be managed by Roz Racanello, Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium.

4. I'm Goin Down County: Staff reported that the bid to print Mr. Ranzetta's book would be evaluated the first week in October. Staff also indicated that she had been in communication with Nicole Diehlmann, Maryland Historic Trust, in an effort to get the County's photographs returned.

New Business:

1) Ruth Mitchell, archeologist for St. John's Site Museum at Historic St. Mary's City, provided a tour for commission members and guests. Ms. Mitchell talked about the plantation, which the first provincial secretary of the colony carved out of the wilderness. She provided members with a comprehensive insight on the anatomy of a colonial house talking about the time, effort and great detail taken to piece together bits of the past to reveal St. John's legacy. Members had an opportunity to take a self-guided tour of the St. John's Site Museum after Ms. Mitchell's presentation. .

2) Ruth Mitchell led the way to Clocker's Fancy for the 2nd site visit. Clocker's Fancy is a dwelling that maintains three periods of architectural significance that warrant recognition and preservation. From initial construction, through the mid-nineteenth century changes, to the commemorative driven twentieth century rehabilitation, the house maintains powerful associations with larger, social, economic and architectural movements that occurred in St. Mary's County during these respective periods.

Members of the Commission appreciated Ruth's time and effort in arranging a tour of St. John's Archeology site and the visit to Clocker's Fancy. A thank you card was sent to the caretakers who were such wonderful hosts for the HPC visit to Clocker's Fancy. Everyone thanked Ruth immediately after the tours of the various sites.

1) **Items from the floor** – N/A

Announcements – N/A

Adjournment - Motion by Susan Erichsen, seconded by Ruth Mitchell, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted By: Grace Mary Brady

Signed by: _____
Robert Gibbs, Chair

Date: _____